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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahiro SHIRATORI et al.

Application No.: 10/777,213

Filed: February 13, 2004

For: ETCHING MASK

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) Confirmation No.: 2482  
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) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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) Examiner: Allan W. Olsen  
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Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2007.

2. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Drawings: \_\_\_ sheets with \_\_\_ figures
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☒ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

4. Constructive Petition

☒ **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	5	minus	20	0	x \$50 each =	+ \$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	1	minus	4	0	x \$200 each =	+ \$0.00
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the one-month extension of time fee.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0573 for the \_\_\_\_\_ fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 1763

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2007 and in further response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2006, the period for response to which runs through April 16, 2007 (April 14, 2007 being a Saturday), by the concurrently-filed petition for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal:

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